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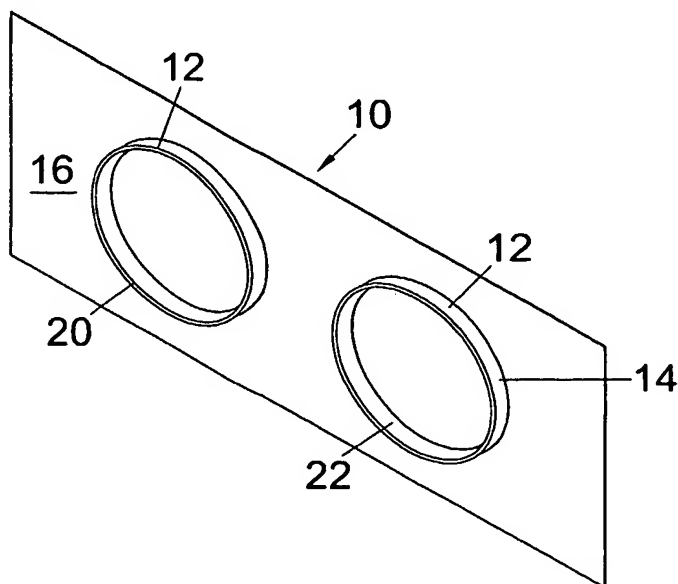
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(54) Title: **DISPLAY DEVICES INCLUDING A SHEET FORM MEMBER**



(57) **Abstract:** There is disclosed an improved sheet form member or appliqué (10) which finds particular use as an automotive vehicle display panel or instrument panel. The sheet form member (10) comprises at least one, and preferably two, upstanding portions or rims (12) integrally formed thereon, the/each portion (12) having a height of at least 4 mm from a surface of the sheet form member (10). The/each portion (12) has an ink coating applied to a surface thereof, a pigment of an ink of the ink coating being dissolved in an high temperature resin base.

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1. claims: 1-44,77,78,81,82

A display panel comprising a sheet form member having a portion integrally formed thereon with a height of at least 4 mm.

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2. claims: 45-61,79,80,83,84

A sheet form member having an ink coating, a pigment of an ink of said coating being dissolved in a high temperature resin base.

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3. claims: 62-76

A display panel having an ink coating, the ink of said coating being dissolved in an acrylic cellulose acetate butyrate resin base

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